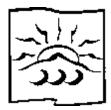
#### **National Pollution Prevention Week**



Attached is a compendium of National Pollution Prevention Week "Activity of the Week" Award Winners for 2001. The purpose of the document is to provide examples of exemplary P2 Week activities to assist and inspire this year's local organizers. Please consider completing and sending in an Activities Award Application for Pollution Prevention Activities accomplished in 2002 and not just during National Prevention Week. Send your completed form to the Department of Toxic Substances Control's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technology Development via E-mail: <a href="mailto:ntp2week@dtsc.ca.gov">ntp2week@dtsc.ca.gov</a> or fax it to DTSC/OPPTD NP2W at (916) 327-4494, or mail it to Robert Ludwig, DTSC/OPPTD, P.O. Box 806, Sacramento, CA 95812-0806.

If you have questions or need more information on National Pollution Prevention Week, contact Robert Ludwig at <a href="mailto:rludwig@dtsc.ca.gov">rludwig@dtsc.ca.gov</a> or (916) 324-2659.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at <a href="https://www.dtsc.ca.gov">www.dtsc.ca.gov</a>."

#### CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION P2 2001 ACTIVITIES

Title of Activity: Mercury Thermometer Exchange Day

Date: September 22, 2001

**Activity**: Exchange a mercury thermometer for a digital thermometer

**Target Audience**: Private Sector/Residents of the City of Alameda

**Location**: City Fire Stations

**Sponsors/Partners**: City of Alameda Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, and City of Alameda Fire Department

**Description of Activity**: Alameda residents had the opportunity to exchange mercury thermometers for digital ones on September 22, 2001. The thermometer swap was held from 9:00 a.m. to noon at three City of Alameda Fire Stations. Following the event, the mercury thermometers were transported to the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facility for proper handling. A total of 535 mercury thermometers were collected from the three City of Alameda Fire Stations.

**Exceptional Merits**: This joint effort between City of Alameda Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division and the City of Alameda Fire Department provided the necessary public awareness of Pollution Prevention Week. And, further illustrated the importance of protecting water, soil, and air by reducing the amount of pollution generated in homes.

**Contact**: Maria F. Di Meglio,

Program Specialist, Integrated Waste Management, City of Alameda, Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, 950 West Mall Square, Rm. 100 City of Alameda, CA

94501 (510) 749-5840

#### POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITY AWARD

**Agency/Entity:** City of Bakersfield Fire Department Environmental

Services

**Title of Activity:** City of Bakersfield Pollution Prevention Award 2001

Date: September 17, 2001

**Activity:** Presentation of P2 Awards to local businesses which

have demonstrated the best P2 strategies during the

calendar year.

Target Audience: General Public and regulated businesses.

**Location:** Pollution Prevention Faire at Bakersfield Weill Institute

Sponsors/Partners: City of Bakersfield Fire Dept Env. Services

**Descriptions of Activities:** P2 Awards Program Official Entry Form,

P2/Recycling Flyer with local P2 Partners, and a Press Release about Pacific Wood Preserving of Bakersfield receiving the P2 award for 2001 which was televised on

local television news.

**Exceptional Merits:** Increased public awareness and regulated businesses.

Increased awareness of the benefits and recognition for

P2 efforts.

Contact: Howard H. Wines III, City of Bakersfield Fire Dept.,

Office of Environmental Services, 1715 Chester Ave.,

Ste. 300, Bakersfield, CA 93301, (661) 326-3979,

hwines@ci.bakersfield.ca.us

#### CITY OF BELLFLOWER POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITY

**Activity:** National Pollution Prevention Week City Proclamation

**Date:** August 27, 2001

Target Audience: Citizens of Bellflower

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

**Description** Proclaimed the week of September 17-23, 2001, as

**Of Activity** National Pollution Prevention Week.

**Contact**: Bernardo Iniguez, City of Bellflower, 16600 Civic Center

Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706

# Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) Pollution Prevention Activity

Save the Date for the 7th Annual Pollution Prevention Awards Ceremony Honoring Businesses That Help The Environment!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us at the beautiful Sheraton Grand Sacramento for an exciting morning of networking, breakfast and entertainment. Laugh with our host, Mr. Jack Gallagher, as elected officials, agency administrators, business and community leaders gather to honor the year 2001 Sacramento County Pollution Prevention Award winners.

Tuesday, September 18, 2001 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Networking 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and Awards Presentation

This event has been organized by the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC). BERC is a one-stop, non-regulatory office that helps businesses understand and comply with federal, state and local environmental regulations. All in a free and confidential setting.

If you have not already registered for this event,

visit the BERC website at <<u>http://www.sacberc.org/</u>> <u>www.sacberc.org</u> and click on the "Save the Date" button or call (916) 364-4110.

## **Event Sponsor:**

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

## **Co-Sponsors:**

Sacramento Business Journal Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Sacramento Stormwater Management Program

# U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY OAKLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

As part of National Pollution Prevention Week 2001 (Sept. 17-23), DOE/OAK sponsored a pollution prevention awards program. Over 30 nominations were obtained from the DOE California sites. The award presentations were made on September 20 from 10-1 pm in the Roybal Auditorium- Federal Building in Oakland.

In addition, DOE was pleased to announce the program will open with two presentations on Global Climate Change, the most important environmental issue of this century. Dr. Benjamin Santer, an internationally recognized expert on climate change and physicist/atmospheric scientist from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), will speak on "Studying the Causes of Climate Change". He received the prestigious Macarthur Foundation Award in 1998. The Award was given in recognition of Dr. Santer's "originality, creativity, self-direction, and capacity to contribute importantly to society, particularly in atmospheric science".

In addition, Blair Henry from the NW Council on Climate Change spoke on the political aspects of this issue and the actions that we can take as citizens and professionals. He is an excellent speaker as well and has an uncanny ability to take a complex issue and present it in understandable terms. We are very fortunate to have these two speakers in one room. I promise it will be an extremely informative event

Contact: Karin King

Environmental Engineer

DOE Oakland Operations Office

1301 Clay St., Suite 700N

Oakland, CA 94612

510.637.1638

FAX .....1646

# DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT P2 2001 ACTIVITIES AWARD

Activity	#1

Title of Activity: Proclamation

Date: August 21, 2001

Target Audience: Residents, Businesses, Board Members, and District

**Employees** 

**Location:** District Office

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** The District's Board members proclaimed the week of September 17-23, 2001 as "National Pollution Prevention Week."

**Exceptional Merits:** 

Contact (Name, Agency & Address): John Pettinichio

**Dublin San Ramon Services District** 

7399 Johnson Drive Pleasanton, CA. 94588

Title of Activity: Newspaper Ad

Date: September 16, 2001

*Target Audience:* Residents of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore.

Location: Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Placed ad "Household Hazardous Waste Checklist" in the Sunday edition of the Tri-Valley Herald Newspaper.

*Exceptional Merits:* The Tri-Valley Herald serves over 25,000 households in the Tri-Valley area. This event will help educate the local community on how to identify and properly dispose of household hazardous waste.

*Title of Activity:* Public Service Announcements

Date: September 17-23, 2001

*Target Audience:* Residents of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore.

Location: Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Public Service Announcements were aired by local radio station KKIQ announcing P2 Week 2001 and P2 tips for at home, office, in the garden, and on the road. The announcements were also placed on their website.

**Exceptional Merits:** Uses the media of radio to address a larger audience. This will provide the listeners with practical information that they can use to help reduce the amount of pollution generated at home, work, in the garden, and on the road.

Title of Activity: Public Service Announcements

Date: September 17-23, 2001

*Target Audience:* Residents of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore.

Location: Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Local CTV-30 broadcasted announcements regarding P2 Week 2001 and pollution prevention tips on their community calendar script.

**Exceptional Merits:** Uses the media of television to address a larger audience. This will provide the viewers with practical information that they can use to help reduce the amount of pollution generated at home, work, in the garden, and on the road.

Title of Activity: Pollution Prevention Week 2001 Announcement

**Date:** July 2001

**Target Audience:** District Employees

Location: WWTP, District Office, and Field Services Office.

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Announcement of scheduled P2 Week activities in July's Employee Bulletin.

**Exceptional Merits:** 

Title of Activity: P2 Week 2001 Display

Date: September 17-23, 2001

Target Audience: District employees and the public

**Location:** District Office

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Set up P2 Week 2001 display at the District Office. Displayed were the 2001 P2 Week poster, District's P2 Week proclamation, P2 tips, and various educational pamphlets.

**Exceptional Merits:** Educate the public and District employees about protecting the environment through the use of educational handouts.

Contact (Name, Agency & Address): John Pettinichio
Dublin San Ramon Services District
7399 Johnson Drive

Pleasanton, CA. 94588

Title of Activity: P2 Week 2001 Display

Date: September 17-23, 2001

Target Audience: Public

**Location:** Dublin

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Set up P2 display at the Dublin Library. The theme of the display was "Protecting Our Environment." Chemicals were displayed that should not be dumped down sanitary or storm drains. Educational handouts were available for both adults and children.

**Exceptional Merits:** Educate the public on ways that they can help protect the environment.

Title of Activity: P2 Week 2001 Poster display and distribution

Date: September 17-23, 2001

**Target Audience:** District Employees and the public

**Location:** Dublin, Pleasanton, and San Ramon

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Displayed P2 Week 2001 posters at the Dublin Library, DSRSD District Office, DSRSD Field Services Office, and at the District's WWTP. P2 Week 2001 posters and P2 Week flyers were distributed to Pleasanton Library, San Ramon Library, Dublin Elementary School, Frederiksen Elementary School, Nielsen Elementary School, Murray Elementary School, Dougherty Elementary School, and St. Raymond School.

**Exceptional Merits:** P2 Week awareness

Contact (Name, Agency & Address): John Pettinichio
Dublin San Ramon Services District

7399 Johnson Drive Pleasanton, CA. 94588

Title of Activity: P2 Week 2001 Flyer

Date: September 13, 2001

**Target Audience:** District employees and Board Members

Location: Dublin

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Distributed P2 Week 2001 flyers to District employees and Board Members. Flyers explained P2 and gave informational tips on ways to protect the environment by practicing pollution prevention.

*Exceptional Merits:* Inform and educate District employees and Board Members about P2 Week 2001.

*Title of Activity:* Television interview

Date: September 19, 2001

**Target Audience:** Local community

Location: Pleasanton

Sponsors/Partners:

**Description of Activity:** Pre-recorded interview with Community TV-30 lasting 2-3 minutes. P2 Week 2001 and tips on how the viewers could help prevent pollution were the topic of the interview. The interview and footage of the District's WWTP were broadcast September 19, 2001 on the 5:00 and 6:00 newscast.

**Exceptional Merits:** Uses the media of television to address a larger audience. This provided the viewers with an understanding of pollution prevention and practical information on how they can reduce the amount of pollution generated at home, work, in the garden, and on the road.

Contact (Name, Agency & Address): John Pettinichio

Dublin San Ramon Services District 7399 Johnson Drive

Pleasanton, CA. 94588

Title of Activity: DSRSD Booth at "Day on the Glen"

Date: September 22, 2001

Target Audience: Local community

Location: Emerald Glen Park, Dublin

Sponsors/Partners: Sponsored by the City of Dublin

**Description of Activity:** The "Day on the Glen" festival included Arts & Crafts, Entertainment, Food & Beverages, Skateboard Competition, and a Midway. DSRSD participated by setting up a booth equipped with water conservation and pollution prevention educational handouts and phamlets. Many prizes were given away along with over 1800 bottles of water. An estimated 7,500-10,000 persons were in attendance.

**Exceptional Merits:** Educate the public about protecting the environment through the use of educational handouts.

#### POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK 2001 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE (AFB) ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1 NEWSPAPER FEATURE

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: PUBLIC EDUCATION/AWARENESS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2001 (PUBLICATION DATE)

ACTIVITY: PUBLICATION OF FEATURE ARTICLE IN BASE NEWSPAPER

(DESERT WINGS)

TARGET AUDIENCE: BASE POPULATION OF OVER 16,000 (WORKERS AND

RESIDENTS); THE DESERT WINGS HAS A CIRCULATION OF

OVER 10,000 COPIES.

LOCATION: EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION OF THIS ARTICLE CHRONICLED SOME OF THE MOST

ACTIVITY: NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE EDWARDS P2

PROGRAM OVER THE COURSE OF THIS PAST YEAR. SUCCESSES INCLUDE THE AIR FORCE RESEARCH

LABORATORY'S DEVELOPMENT OF ROCKET

PROPELLANTS, AND MANUFACTURING PROCESSES THAT ARE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE ARE SPECIFIED. THE ARTICLE ALSO REMINDED READERS THE EDWARDS' P2 PROGRAM IS IN LINE WITH NATIONAL P2 CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEANER,

SAFER, AND HEALTHIER.

ACTIVITY 2 NEWSPAPER FEATURE

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: PUBLIC EDUCATION/AWARENESS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2001 (PUBLICATION DATE)

ACTIVITY: PUBLICATION OF FEATURE ARTICLE IN BASE NEWSPAPER

(DESERT WINGS)

TARGET AUDIENCE: BASE POPULATION OF OVER 16,000 (WORKERS AND

RESIDENTS); THE DESERT WINGS HAS A CIRCULATION OF

OVER 10,000 COPIES.

LOCATION: EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION OF THIS SECOND ARTICLE CONTAINED INFORMATION ON

ACTIVITY: HOW EVERYONE CAN PLAY A PART IN THE P2 PROGRAM AT WORK AND HOME. ITEMS MENTIONED INCLUDED USING ALL-PURPOSE CLEANERS AND CLEANING OUT

CLOGGED DRAINS ARE MENTIONED.

ACTIVITY 3 P2 WEEK PROCLAMATION POSTER

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: PUBLIC EDUCATION/AWARENESS

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2001** 

ACTIVITY: DISTRIBUTED P2 WEEK PROCLAMATION POSTER, SIGNED

BY THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER COMMANDER,

TO KEY LOCATIONS ON BASE.

TARGET AUDIENCE: EDWARDS AFB MILITARY, CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACTOR

PERSONNEL.

LOCATION: DISPLAYED IN 150 KEY LOCATIONS ON EDWARDS AFB,

CALIFORNIA.

**DESCRIPTION OF** 

**ACTIVITY:** 

PRODUCED PROCLAMATION POSTERS AND DISTRIBUTED

THEM FOR DISPLAY.

ACTIVITY 4 P2 WEEK THEME POSTER

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: PUBLIC EDUCATION/AWARENESS

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2001** 

ACTIVITY: DISTRIBUTED P2 WEEK "CREATE YOUR REALITY" THEME

POSTERS TO KEY LOCATIONS ON BASE.

TARGET AUDIENCE: EDWARDS AFB MILITARY, CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACTOR

PERSONNEL.

LOCATION: DISPLAYED IN KEY LOCATIONS ON EDWARDS AFB,

CALIFORNIA.

**DESCRIPTION OF** 

DISTRIBUTED "CREATE YOUR REALITY" THEME POSTERS

ACTIVITY: FOR DISPLAY.

ACTIVITY 5 COMMANDER'S WHAT IS GOING ON (WIGO)

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: PUBLIC EDUCATION/AWARENESS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2001 (PUBLICATION DATE)

ACTIVITY: PUBLICATION IN THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER

COMMANDER'S WEEKLY E-MAIL TO BASE PERSONNEL.

TARGET AUDIENCE: EDWARDS AFB MILITARY, CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACTOR

PERSONNEL.

LOCATION: EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOLLOWING QUOTE WAS TAKEN FROM THE E-MAIL,

ACTIVITY: "TEAM EDWARDS WILL JOIN CALIFORNIA AND THE REST

OF THE NATION IN DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF 17 THROUGH 23 SEPTEMBER AS POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK. WE HERE AT EDWARDS ARE ALREADY GOOD STEWARDS OF THE LAND WE USE, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO CONTINUE TO APPROACH ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION IN TERMS OF PREVENTION INSTEAD OF

#### CLEANUP."

ACTIVITY 6 LETTERS OF APPRECIATION AND AWARD CERTIFICATES

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL FOR P2 ACHIEVEMENTS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

ACTIVITY: DISTRIBUTED LETTERS OF APPRECIATION AND AWARD

CERTIFICATES TO SIX MILITARY AND CIVILIAN

EMPLOYEES.

TARGET AUDIENCE: EDWARDS AFB MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

LOCATION: AWARDS PRESENTED TO SIX INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING

THEIR UNITS LOCATED THROUGHOUT EDWARDS AFB,

CALIFORNIA.

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:** 

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STAFF AWARDED LETTERS AND CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO SIX INDIVIDUALS. THE LETTERS

PRESENTED TO THE INDIVIDUALS SUMMARIZED EACH OF THEIR SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND WERE SIGNED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. AWARD CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH

THE LETTERS AND WERE SIGNED BY THE

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. THE

LETTERS AND CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: MSGT TIMOTHY HANLEY FOR

HIS EFFORTS IN OBTAINING A STEAM CLEANER FOR CLEANING THE BOMB RACKS AND ROTARY LAUNCHERS

THEREBY ELIMINATING THE USE OF HAZARDOUS

CLEANING AGENTS; TSGT JOHN BROWN FOR HIS EFFORTS

IN OBTAINING A NEW FLOOR SWEEPER/SCRUBBER

THEREBY ELIMINATING THE USE OF POLLUTION

PRODUCING CLEANERS; TSGT GREGORY MOTEN FOR HIS EFFORTS IN TESTING THE PERFORMANCE, BATTERY LIFE, AND DEPENDABILITY OF THE DRY CELL BATTERY VERSUS THE GEL CELL BATTERY THEREBY ENABLING THE USE OF THE DRY CELL BATTERY WITH INCREASED RECYCLING COMPONENTS; SSGT JOHN MCFARLAND FOR HIS EFFORTS

IN MAINTAINING ACCURATE RECORDS AS HIS

SQUADRON'S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PHARMACY

REPRESENTATIVE THEREBY RECEIVING HIGH MARKS IN EDWARDS' FIRST HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

SYSTEM INVENTORY RECONCILIATION; MR. LEO

PEDRAZA FOR HIS EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING ACCURATE RECORDS AS HIS SQUADRON'S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PHARMACY REPRESENTATIVE THEREBY RECEIVING

HIGH MARKS IN EDWARDS' FIRST HAZARDOUS

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INVENTORY

RECONCILIATION; AND MR. MARTIN PALOMARES FOR HIS EFFORTS IN IMPLEMENTING NEW PROCESSES TO REDUCE

THE QUANTITY AND TYPE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS USED IN THE BASE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYTICAL LABORATORY THEREBY MAKING THE LAB A SAFER PLACE TO WORK AND LOWER HAZARDOUS WASTE **DISPOSAL COSTS.** 

**ACTIVITY 7** P2 ROUND TABLE MEETING

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: **EDUCATION/AWARENESS** 

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2001** 

**ACTIVITY:** CONDUCTED TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING COMPLIANCE

SITE INVENTORY (CSI).

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** EDWARDS AFB MILITARY, CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACTOR

PERSONNEL.

**LOCATION:** EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA.

**DESCRIPTION OF** THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED TO DISCUSS THE CSI **ACTIVITY:** 

AND THE WORK INVOLVED IN BRINGING THE INVENTORY

UP TO DATE. THIS INVENTORY ENCOMPASSES

APPROXIMATELY 1.500 SITES BASEWIDE. EMPHASIS FOR THIS INVENTORY IS ON COMPLIANCE THROUGH P2 (CTP2).

**ACTIVITY 8** P2 WORKSHOP

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: **EDUCATION/AWARENESS** 

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2001** 

**ACTIVITY:** CONDUCTED A P2 WORKSHOP.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** EDWARDS AFB MILITARY, CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACTOR

PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE EDWARDS P2 PROGRAM.

**LOCATION:** EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA.

**DESCRIPTION OF** 

**ACTIVITY:** 

A WORKSHOP WAS CONDUCTED TO PROVIDE

APPROXIMATELY 20 PERSONNEL WITH TRAINING REGARDING THE EDWARDS' P2 PROGRAM. TRAINING

MATERIAL INCLUDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION, LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE PROGRAM, AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND (AFMC) P2 DIRECTIVES, GUIDANCE ON COMPLIANCE THROUGH P2 (CTP2). EDWARDS HAS

TAKEN THE LEAD IN CTP2 WITHIN AFMC.

ACTIVITY 9 TOUR OF CONFORMING STORAGE FACILITY (CSF)

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: EDUCATION/AWARENESS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

ACTIVITY: CONDUCTED A TOUR OF THE BASE'S CONFORMING

STORAGE FACILITY (CSF).

TARGET AUDIENCE: EDWARDS AFB MILITARY, CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACTOR

PERSONNEL WHO USE AND HANDLE HAZARDOUS

MATERIAL.

LOCATION: CSF (BUILDING 4916), EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA.

DESCRIPTION OF A WALKING-LECTURE TOUR OF THE CSF WAS

ACTIVITY: CONDUCTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 INDIVIDUALS BY

THE CSF MANAGER, MR. CAT MCDONALD, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL HANDLER, MR. WENDELL

BLACKWELL. THE TOUR HIGHLIGHTED THE FUNCTION AND OPERATION OF THE CSF. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE HAZARDOUS WASTE LIFECYCLE AT EDWARDS AFB

SO THAT ATTENDEES HAD HOLISTIC KNOWLEDGE.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED HOLDING TIMES AT

ACCUMULATION POINTS AS WELL AS MATERIAL LABELING REQUIREMENTS. QUESTION AND ANSWER

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT

THE TOUR.

## **ECOLUTIONS, INC. P2 2001 ACTIVITY**

Activity #1 **CEPTR (Classroom Education and Training Program)** Date: 3-01-01 **Activity: Pollution Prevention Education Initiative Target Audience: Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary school here in Los Angeles)** Location: **Immaculate Conception Elementary School** 830 Green Ave, IA, CA 90 Activity #2 **CEPTR (Classroom Education and Training Program)** Date: 5-17-01, 5-18-01 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Target Audience: Location: **LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District)** 4201 Fountain Avenue, LA CA 90029 **Description of Activities** Ecolutions has developed a pollution prevention (p2) education initiative called, the Classroom Education and Pollution Prevention Training (CEPTR) program to raise individual and community awareness on the damaging effects of excessive and improper toxic chemical use in the urban landscape and its impacts on our health, welfare, and environment Partners: **Immaculate Conception Principle: Mary Ann Murphy LAUSD** Tracy Bishop, Linda Howard or Ted Banta Contact: **Ecolutions, Inc.** 609 1/2 Washington Blvd Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 Paul Nero, Director of PR and Marketing

Brian Dolansky, Program Director 310-823-2633 or pnero@ecolutions.org

#### **EQUILON ENTERPRISES LLC. P2 2001 Activities**

**Title of Activity:** Recycling/Reuse of Soiled Rags, Pads, and Gloves

**Date:** January 2000 – March 2001

**Locations:** Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Martinez Terminal

Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Van Nuys Terminal Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Stockton Terminal

Equilon Enterprises LLC. - Mission Valley/San Diego

**Terminals** 

Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Wilmington Terminal Equilon Enterprises LLC. – San Jose Terminal Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Signal Hill Terminal Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Colton/Rialto Terminals Equilon Enterprises LLC. – Sacramento Terminal

#### **Description of Activity:**

Equilon's petroleum bulk distribution terminals deliver millions of gallons of gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel annually to its customers. Rags, pads, and gloves soiled with petroleum products are the primary residual generated through routine activities at the terminals. Rags and pads are used to clean petroleum residues from hoses, valves, manifolds, etc. and gloves are used to protect employees from skin exposure to petroleum hydrocarbons. The soiled rags, pads, and gloves are managed off-site by a commercial laundry facility that recovers the hydrocarbons and cleans the materials for reuse under SB419 — Reusable, Soiled Textile Materials. All materials are returned to the same facility they originated from and the cycle begins again. All drums are also reused. Using the proper materials, this cycle can be repeated 20-30 times before the materials are not longer fit for use and require management as a solid waste.

FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2000 – MARCH 2001, THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF WASTE AND ASSOCIATED CONTAMINANTS FROM BEING DISPOSED.

TERMINAL	DRUMS	QTY OF ABSORBENTS	GLOVES
	(EACH)	(POUNDS)	(PAIRS)
MARTINEZ TERMINAL	4	324	229
VAN NUYS TERMINAL	4	103	84
STOCKTON TERMINAL	3	137	96
MISSION VALLEY/SAN DIEGO	2	79	88
TERMINALS			
WILMINGTON TERMINAL	4	362	78
SAN JOSE TERMINAL	4	140	138
SIGNAL HILL TERMINAL	5	102	690
COLTON/RIALTO TERMINALS	1	65	148
SACRAMENTO TERMINAL	4	300	317
TOTALS	30	1,612	1,868

CONTACT: MICHAEL ZARELLA, JR., CHMM

**Activity #2:** NP2W Newsletter and poster distribution

**Date:** September 2001

**Locations:** Equilon Transportation - Environmental

Centralized Residual Management Team

## **Description of Activity:**

Equilon's Centralized Residual Management Team (CRMT) provides a single point of contact resource for management of residuals and wastes by the company's Transportation locations. Typical Transportation supported businesses include bulk petroleum distribution terminals and pipelines. To promote National Pollution Prevention Week, the CRMT put together a special newsletter describing the benefits of pollution prevention in both the workplace and at home. The newsletter was distributed electronically to the entire Transportation organization. The electronic distribution of the newsletter was followed up with a mail out to 25 company locations in California. The mail out included a printed copy of the newsletter and a National Pollution Prevention Week poster, *Create Your Reality*, provided by the Department of Toxic Substances Control, with instructions to hang the poster in a prominent location at the facility.

Contact: Michael Zarella, Jr., CHMMEquilon Pipeline Company LLC

#### CITY OF ESCONDIDO P2 2001 ACTIVITIES

**Title of Activity:** Stormwater Pollution Awareness: Splash Van, Stormwater Baseline Survey

**Date(s):** September 17-21, 2001

**Location:** 1. Local Schools: Conway Elementary, Oak Hill, North Broadway, Central and Rose Elementary School and 2. Residents throughout Escondido

**Sponsors/Partners**: San Diego County Water Authority, San Diego County Office of Education

**Description of Activities**: This year's focus for Pollution Prevention was stormwater pollution awareness. The City of Escondido Council proclaimed Stormwater Pollution Prevention Week at its September 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The City of Escondido sponsored the San Diego County Office of Education's Splash Van for 5 local schools. The Splash Van is a traveling field trip consisting of 6 research stations. At the end of the hour each station reports their findings and the group draws their conclusions as to why the Gambusia fish are disappearing from the local lakes.

The City of Escondido conducted a phone survey of its residents throughout September in order to get a baseline of residents' knowledge and habits in regards to stormwater pollution.

**Exceptional Merits**: The City will take the findings from the phone survey and implement a public educational campaign.

# NORTH COAST POLLUTION PREVENTION COMMITTEE AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITY

## SEPTEMBER 17, 2001, PRESS RELEASE

Local Organizations Receive Pollution Prevention HERO Awards
Three local organizations are the recipients of the 2001 Pollution Prevention
HERO (Humboldt Environmentally Responsible Organization) Awards.
The awards will be presented on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at the
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors meeting in recognition of National
Pollution Prevention Week.

St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka has replaced equipment and chemicals with less toxic and non-toxic alternatives. The use of ethylene oxide for equipment sterilization is being reduced as alternative methods such as Cidex OPA and Steris are utilized. Cleaning chemicals containing phenols have been replaced with less toxic ammonium chloride products. Equipment containing mercury is being replaced with non-mercury alternatives. Bulk chemicals have been replaced with "unit doses" to prevent leftover or expired chemicals. St. Joseph Hospital has realized cost savings by decreasing the amount of hazardous waste generated. The alternative sterilization and cleaning chemicals are also much safer for employees.

North Coast Schools Insurance Group in Eureka performed a "clean sweep" of 22 North Coast school science labs in August 2001. A total of 1562 chemicals were removed, with disposal costs exceeding \$45,000. Each school science lab now has an up to date chemical inventory. Science teachers purchase chemicals in smaller quantities to avoid outdated and expired chemicals from accumulating in their schools. This project will continue over the following year to include all chemicals at 166 school sites including those located in photo classrooms, print shops, maintenance shops, art classrooms, and janitorial closets.

The Coral Sea Research Vessel operated by Humboldt State University in Arcata has installed a saltwater containment system that eliminates all pollutants from the overboard discharge. Saltwater is captured from the engine area and diverted to a containment system, rather than being allowed to drip into the bilge. The saltwater is then safely removed without being

contaminated by oil. The clean bilge system was designed by the Coral Sea's engineer Chris Seitz and decreases the time required for vessel maintenance. Humboldt State University proactively promotes pollution prevention projects like this one.

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#### FRESNO AREA P2 COMMITTEE P2 ACTIVITIES

The Fresno Area Pollution Prevention Committee (FAP2C) held an information fair at Fresno City Hall on September 18, 2001 approximately 250 people attended. Thirteen agencies participated each with a display booth and handouts.

The FAP2C also sponsored a poster contest for grades K-12. All the schools in Fresno County received an invitation and copy of the P2 turtle poster. All the entries hung in the first floor lobby of Fresno City Hall during P2 week. The FAP2C visited and awarded prizes to eleven classrooms. Bubbles Beaver presented the awards to many of the younger students.

Finally, Karen McClanahan of the City of Fresno's Water Conservation Program and Chairperson of the FAP2C was the lead person in suggesting to the Fresno City Council to declare via a proclamation Sept 17-23 Pollution Prevention Week. The participating agencies were:

Fresno Metro Flood Control District Daniel Rourke

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FRESNO CA 73727-2541

San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD Josette Merced Bello

1990 E GETTYSBURG AVE FRESNO CA 93726-0244

COUNTY OF FRESNO

Human Services System Lisa Smoot Environmental Health PO BOX 11867

FRESNO CA 93775

Planning & Resource Mgt. Leslie Kline

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CITY OF FRESNO

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Public Utilities Wastewater Mgt.

Janell Parker

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The Discovery Center Marlene Myatt

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Fish & Game

Fishing in the City Robin Niemi

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Regional Water Quality Control Board

Central Valley Region Anthony Toto

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Cal/EPA Fresno Area Permit Assistance Center

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# CITY OF FREMONT AND UNION SANITARY DISTRICT POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

**Activities**: Creek Clean-Up

Green Business Auto Service Specials

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Presentations

**Date**: September 17-23, 2001

Target Audience: Public-City of Fremont Residents, Local PTAs and

Schools

**Location**: City-Wide

Sponsors/Partners: City of Fremont, Union Sanitary District, Local Auto

Service Green Businesses

**Descriptions of Activities**: Creek Clean-up of Laguna and Sabercat Creek

by Los Positas Students and local citizens, Pollution Prevention Coupons from local Green Businesses and Auto Services such as Fuel System Cleaning, Smog

Specials, Diagnostic Check-Up Service, and Maintenance

Services, and presentations by City of Fremont and Union Sanitary District representatives to local PTA groups and schools on integrated pest management and

the use of less toxic alternatives.

**Contact**: Mark Fournier, City of Fremont, Development and

Environmental Services Department, Environmental Services Division, 39550 Liberty St., P.O. Box 5006,

Fremont, CA 94537-5006, (510) 494-4566 and

www.ci.fremont.ca.us

# RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP COMMITTEE P2 2001 ACTIVITIES

The Russian River Watershed Cleanup is a project of the Sonoma County Conservation Council (SCCC).

Date: Saturday, September 22 & Sunday, September 23, 2001

**Activity**: Remove litter from a 50 mile stretch of the river and riverbanks and sort the collected materials for recycling or proper disposal.

**Target Audience**: Recreationalists, outdoor enthusiasts, and all citizens of Sonoma Countywho depend on the Russian River for their water supply and water-related activities.

**Location**: Russian River from Cloverdale, CA to Jenner, CA. Main collection center at Trowbridge Beach in Healdsburg, CA.

Sponsors/Partners: Sequoia Paddling Club; Pacific Gas & Electric; Trowbridge Canoe Trips; Burke's Canoes; Empire Waste Management; Guerneville Graphics & Printing; Sonoma County Public Works – Refuse Disposal; Sonoma CountyWater Agency; State Coastal Conservancy; Sunrise Garbage Service; West Sonoma County Disposal Service; Sierra Club; Sprint Copy Center-Sebastopol, CA; Mendocino Glove Company; Sonoma County Probation Camp; Healdsburg High School; Garbage Reincarnation Inc.; and other businesses and individuals.

**Description of Activity**: On Saturday, approximately 300 volunteers clean a 50 mile stretch of the river by canoe and on foot, from Cloverdale, CA, (at the northern-most end of Sonoma County, CA) to where the Russian River meets the Pacific Ocean, in Jenner, CA. On Sunday, collected materials are brought to a central sorting area in Healdsburg, CA and are processed based on whether they are "trash" or "recyclable." The sorted, recyclable materials are then brought to a certified recycling center, weighed, and redeemed for recycling, and the remaining "trash" is hauled to the Sonoma County Landfill. Records are kept of the types and weights/quantities of materials collected so that the success of the event may be accurately measured and recorded.

**Exceptional Merits**: This event involves and utilizes the collective efforts of many different organizations, businesses, and individuals. It truly is a community event, it encourages river, outdoor, environmental recreationalists, and enthusiasts, and all of the people of Sonoma County who depend on the Russian River for their water supply and water-related activities, to be involved with, and to acknowledge the importance of, the overall well-being of the Russian River Watershed. Additionally, important natural resources are preserved and recycled.

Contact: Russian River Watershed Cleanup <u>www.russianrivercleanup.org</u> (707) 577-7151

#### POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITY AWARD

**Agency/Entity:** City of Bakersfield Fire Department Environmental

Services and Golden Empire Transit (GET) District

**Activity:** Pollution Prevention Awareness Placards on City Buses

**Date:** September 17-23, 2001

**Activity**: Public Service Announcement signs placed on inside of

every "Golden Empire Transit" Bus in Bakersfield.

**Target Audience:** General Public which also uses public transit.

**Location:** Throughout Bakersfield

**Sponsors/Partners:** Golden Empire Transit (GET) District

**Activities:** GET Bus provided layout/design of signs for buses.

**Exceptional Merits:** Increased public awareness, especially among

those who regularly use public transportation.

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326-3979, hwines@ci.bakersfield.ca.us

# BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES FOR AUTOMOBILE AND FLEET MAINTENANCE

THIS FREE WORKSHOP ON POLLUTION PREVENTION ALTERNATIVES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES IS PRESENTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL AND HOSTED BY THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT.

THIS WORKSHOP COVERS SENSIBLE POLICIES THAT ALLOW BUSINESSES TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE WHILE PROTECTING AND IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!!!

#### **WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- **ANTIFREEZE RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES**
- **□** AQUEOUS PARTS WASHING FOR DEGREASING AND BRAKE CLEANING
- REPORT SHOP SPILL CLEANUP METHODS
- **⇔** ECONOMIC AND COMPLIANCE INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS
- **⇔** OIL ANALYSIS
- **⇔** OIL WATER SEPARATOR (CLARIFIER) MAINTENANCE
- **RE-REFINED OIL**
- **REUSABLE OIL FILTERS**
- REUSABLE SPRAY CONTAINERS TO MINIMIZE AEROSOL CONTAINER WASTES
- **STORMWATER COMPLIANCE**

ONE WILLIAM MOFFETT PLACE TIME: 11 AM TO 1 PM (805) 967-4519 ROOM: GSD BOARDROOM

COMPLETE FORM AND FAX TO TERESA KISTNER (805) 964-3583 OR E-MAIL TKISTNER@GOLETASANITARY.ORG PRIOR TO DEC.7  $^{\rm TH}$  .

REGISTER EARLY FOR THIS AVAILABLE)	FREE WORKSHOP (LIMITED SP	PACE
NAME:	ORGANIZATION:	
TITLE:	PHONE #:	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:		

# Pollution Prevention Week 2001: *Making a Green Difference*

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA – The greendifference org coalition of county agencies and organizations today announced celebration of national Pollution Prevention Week from September 17 through September 23. This year, the group, led by Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and the Community Environmental Council (CEC), suggests we all:

- Protect our creeks and ocean by not hosing or dumping waste in the street, gutters, or storm drains.
- Buy materials that we can recycle, and recycle more.
- Save energy (and money) by installing compact fluorescent lightbulbs, plugging energy leaks, and adjusting the thermostat.
- Share a ride, take the bus, ride a bike, or telecommute.
- Dispose of used oil, paint, and other hazardous materials properly.
- Save water by planting drought-tolerant plants, installing low-flow toilets and showerheads, and fixing leaks.

The greendifference.org coalition is sponsoring an advertising campaign during Pollution Prevention Week, and promoting a website, <a href="https://www.greendifference.org">www.greendifference.org</a>, to provide information on how people can make a green difference.

During Pollution Prevention Week, APCD's interactive kiosk R2P2 (the Robot Resource for Pollution Prevention) will visit the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (staying there through December). The Green Award winners will also be announced during Pollution Prevention Week. Sponsored by CEC, APCD, Traffic Solutions, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and Santa Barbara County Solid Waste and Utilities Division, the Green Awards recognize companies and organizations for outstanding efforts in reducing or preventing pollution.

#### **COALITION CONTACTS:**

Community Environmental Council, Steve Clark, 963-0583 x105 Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Mary Byrd, 961-8833, or Frances Gilliland, 961-8838

City of Santa Barbara, Public Works, Water Conservation, Alison Jordan, 564-5574

City of Santa Barbara, Public Works, Hazardous Waste, Tony Raya, 564-5371

City of Santa Barbara, Creeks Division, Jill Zachary, 897-2658 Santa Barbara County Water Agency, Darcy Aston, 568-3546 Santa Barbara County Solid Waste and Utilities, Alan Nakashima, 882-3616

*Traffic Solutions*, Mindy Norris, 961-8917 *The Sustainability Project*, Dennis Allen or John Kelley, 966-3355

City of Carpinteria Public Works, Rick Fulmer, 684-5405 x 443

## I Love A Clean San Diego P2 Activities 2002

I Love A Clean San Diego participated in a variety of pollution prevention activities in 2002. These included the following:

Pacific Bell's Telephone Book Recycling Program

Program leaders making 100 environmental presentations a month to schools, community groups and business groups of all ages

Participation in San Diego County's Pollution Prevention/Environmental Faire at Cuyamaca College on September 22, 2002.

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## KERN COUNTY POLLUTION PREVENTION COMMITTEE NATIONAL P2 WEEK 2002 ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Kern County Pollution Prevention Committee's (KCPPC) program are to: Establish effective networks for communicating, promoting and distributing pollution prevention information and promote and provide support to local pollution prevention programs.

This year the KCPPC organized and coordinated National Pollution Prevention Week 2002 activities during the week of September.

Participating agencies and contacts included the following:

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Carol Lee Frito-Lay 2001 Blue Oak Drive Bakersfield, CA 93311

Florentino Castellon, Director Kern County Permit Asst. Ctr. 2700 M Street, Suite 125 Bakersfield, CA 93301

## SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2001 POLLUTION PREVENTION EFFORTS

**Activity 1** 

**Date:** October 2000 - October 2001

**Activity:** Publicity on Lindane Ban

**Location:** California

Description of Activity: Prompted by the Sanitation Districts' Lindane Usage

Reduction Project, California banned the use of lindane in lice and scabies treatment products as of January 1, 2002. Sanitation Districts' lindane reduction efforts during 2001 focused on getting the word out about the ban. Editors of newsletters for the Los Angeles County Medical Association, California Medical Association, and the California School Nurses' Association were contacted regarding the ban and agreed to run articles. An article on the ban also appeared in Environmental Health Perspectives, which is the journal of the National

Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

**Exceptional Merits:** The original Lindane Usage Reduction Project received

the National Pollution Prevention Rountable's First Place Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award for 2000.

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## SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2001 Pollution Prevention Efforts

**Activity 2** 

**Date:** April 2001 – October 2001

**Activity:** Advisory Panel on South Coast Air Quality Management

District (SCAQMD) Rule 1122, Solvent Degreasers

**Location:** Diamond Bar, California

**Description of Activity:** Sanitation Districts' personnel sat on an advisory panel

regarding proposed amendments to its Rule 1122 Solvent Degreasers. The proposed amendments would eliminate the use of the toxic solvents perchloroethylene and methylene chloride in vapor degreasers. Alternative cleaners are primarily water-based. The Sanitation Districts provided necessary support for the rule, as water quality improvements from reduced usage of these solvents would more than outweigh any adverse impacts from the increased discharge of wastewater from water-

based cleaning.

**Exceptional Merits:** If these amendments to Rule 1122 are passed, they will

eliminate one of the last existing industrial uses of perchloroethylene in the Sanitation Districts' service

area.

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## SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2001 Pollution Prevention Efforts

**Activity 3** 

**Date:** January 17, 2001

**Activity:** Workshop on Best Environmental Practices for Vehicle

Maintenance

**Location:** Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Main Offices

Co-Sponsors/Partners: Cal-EPA/DTSC, Southern California Pollution

**Prevention Committee** 

**Description of Activity:** The Sanitation Districts hosted a workshop put on by the

DTSC Office of Pollution Prevention and Technology Development. The workshop was entitled, "Best

Environmental Practices for Vehicle Maintenance."

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#### SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

2001 Pollution Prevention Efforts

**Activity 4** 

**Date:** July 17, 2001

Activity: Workshop on the Southern California Janitorial

Chemicals Safety Project

**Location:** Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Main Offices

Co-Sponsors/Partners: Southern California Pollution Prevention, EPA

Description of Activity: The Sanitation Districts hosted a workshop on green

janitorial cleaning, with instructor Tom Barron.

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## SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY **2001 Pollution Prevention Efforts**

**Activity 5** 

Date: April – October 2001

**Activity:** Paradichlorobenzene Reduction Efforts

Location: Los Angeles County, California

**Description of Activity:** Paradichlorobenzene is a volatile carcinogen that is a solid at room temperature. It is used in urinal and toilet deodorizers, in a crystal form that 99% paradichlorobenzene. When these deodorizers are used in portable toilets, the paradichlorobenzene enters the portable toilet waste. Due to concerns about paradichlorobenzene concentrations at its Saugus Water Reclamation Plant, in June 2001 the Sanitation Districts banned the use of paradichlorobenzene deodorizers by portable toilet companies that brought waste to this facility. Sampling data later revealed that waste from portable toilets using paradichlorobenzene deodorizers may contain enough of this chemical to make them Therefore in September 2001 the hazardous wastes. Sanitation Districts extended this ban to portable toilet companies that brought waste to any of its treatment plants. As other deodorizing products are less toxic than paradichlorobenzene, these bans forced the companies to substitute with less toxic alternatives.

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## SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2001 Pollution Prevention Efforts

**Activity 6** 

**Date:** January 16-18, 2001

**Activity:** Training Workshops for Inspectors and Permit Writers on

Pollution Prevention Techniques for Metal Finishers

**Location:** Whittier, California and Glendale, California

Co-Sponsors/Partners: US EPA, State Water Resources Control Board, City of

Glendale, and the California Strategic Goals Program

**Description of Activity:** The Sanitation Districts helped provide arrangements for

a series of three half-day workshops on pollution prevention techniques for metal finishers. The workshops were geared toward inspectors and permit writers, and were designed to give participants a working knowledge of truly useful pollution prevention

techniques for metal finishers.

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## Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division Pollution Prevention Activity

**Date(s):** 05/04/01 & 08/16/01

**Activity:** P2 Workshop For Automotive Repair Businesses

**Location**: Whittier, Calif. & Bell, Calif.

**Target Audience:** Automotive Repair Businesses

**Sponsors/Partners**: Rio Hondo College,/ DTSC

**Description Of Activity**: Presented overview of Department regulations pertaining to automotive repair shops and a P2 overview for automotive repair shops

**Exceptional Merits**: Businesses that attended the workshops were given a certificate of appreciation in attending and implementing the P2 concepts that they learned.

**Contact:** Bruce Wojcik

Los Angeles Fire Department

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# Los Angeles Police Department Motor Transport Division P2 Activities

The Lost Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is one of 32 departments and bureaus in the City of Los Angeles that uses hazardous materials and generates hazardous wastes. The Motor Transport Division (MTD) has over 23 maintenance shops at 20 locations, servicing over 4,000 vehicles including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. There are 266 employees.

Since 1989, the LAPD-MTD has enthusiastically taken a lead role in promoting and adopting pollution prevention practices in their operations. LAPD-MTD has also supported Hazardous and Toxic Materials Office projects by offering the use of their main and satellite facilities for product and equipment testing, and training of city employees on pollution prevention and hazardous waste management. The MTD was able to successfully navigate the City's large, bureaucratic maze, to adopt some pollution prevention practices. The following are brief highlights of their activities:

1989 - Participated in a joint project with HTM Office and DHS (DTSC). The LAPD-MTD was among several city operations reviewed by DTSC staff for waste minimization opportunities. The DTSC publication as a result of the joint project is titled "Waste Minimization Opportunities for Selected City of L.A. Hazardous Waste Generating Operations", and is available from DTSC.

1997 - Had retired engineers conduct a pollution prevention opportunity assessment of their Parker Center maintenance and repair facility, which resulted in a report "Waste Reduction Assessment: Los Angeles Police Department Motor Transport Division". The document is available to the public so businesses of similar type can identify and adopt pollution prevention practices for their operations.

1998 - Offered use of their main facility for city employee hazardous waste management training.

1999 - Participated in the identification and evaluation of low VOC parts cleaning chemicals and systems. Installed test machines in four downtown and one valley shop. The results of the project can be obtained from the City of L.A. HTM Office's "Alternative Aqueous Cleaners Demonstration Project" report. This

report is also available on USEPA's web site. The MTD also, on their own, tested several Safety-Kleen prototype machines.

2000 - At the main service facility, MTD originally had 13 aqueous parts washers that were all on a 90 day service. The MTD reduce the number of washers to 9, and stretched the service to 16 weeks. The annual aqueous waste output was reduced by one-third, from 3,000 gallons to 2,000 gallons.

2001 - MTD is currently participating in a project with HTM to identify products containing chemicals that will be phased out by the Air Resources Board, and identifying alternatives to use.

For further information, please contact: Alan Brill, 213-485-3495.

# CITY OF MILLBRAE POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001

Water Pollution Control Jennifer Auton (650) 259-2397 Recycling Shelly Reider (650) 259-2444 Water Conservation Catherine Allin (650) 259-2348

**ACTIVITY #1** 

ACTIVITY: CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITY COUNCIL OF MILLBRAE

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: THE CITY COUNCIL WAS INFORMED OF POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK, ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE TO PARTICIPATE IN POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK. THE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMED SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001 AS POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK FOR THE CITY OF MILLBRAE. (THIS TABLE WAS ALSO SETUP IN THE MAIN PASSAGE WAY AT CITY HALL DURING POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PERSONS TRAVELLING THROUGH.)

**ACTIVITY #2** 

ACTIVITY: MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: RESIDENTS WHO OWN MERCURY

**THERMOMETERS** 

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE FIRE STATION, CITY OF BURLINGAME

FIRE STATION AND PENINSULA MEDICAL CENTER IN

**BURLINGAME** 

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: THE CITY OF MILLBRAE COORDINATED A FREE MERCURY EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF BURLINGAME AND PENINSULA MEDICAL CENTER IN BURLINGAME TO REPLACE OLD MERCURY THERMOMETERS WITH DIGITAL ONES. THE MILLBRAE DROP-OFF POINT FOR

THE EXCHANGE WAS HELD AT THE FIRE STATION ON MAGNOLIA AVE. OVER 600 MERCURY THERMOMETERS AS WELL AS JARS OF MERCURY AND OTHER MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES WERE COLLECTED, REMOVING 7.06 LBS. OF MERCURY FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. EIGHT THOUSAND POSTCARDS WERE SENT OUT TO THE RESIDENTS OF MILLBRAE LISTING THE TIME, DATE, AND THREE DROP-OFF POINTS FOR THE THERMOMETER EXCHANGE THAT TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2001.

**ACTIVITY #3** 

ACTIVITY: MERCURY REDUCTION OUTREACH AND

**EDUCATION TO DENTAL OFFICES** 

DATE: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: DENTAL OFFICES LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: ALL THE DENTAL OFFICES IN MILLBRAE (13 TOTAL) WERE INSPECTED FOR AMALGAM MANAGEMENT. AMALGAM, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF MERCURY AND ANOTHER MALLEABLE METAL, IS THE SUBSTANCE USED TO MAKE FILLINGS. THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE INSPECTOR INVESTIGATED HOW EACH FACILITY STORED USED AND UNUSED AMALGAM, AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES FOR AMALGAM TRAPS AND CONTAINERS.

**ACTIVITY #4** 

ACTIVITY: SCHOOL/TEACHER NEWSLETTER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: TEACHERS WORKING IN THE PUBLIC AND

PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF MILLBRAE

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: A NEWSLETTER WAS CREATED FOR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS BY THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (WATER CONSERVATION, RECYCLING & WASTE PREVENTION, AND POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS) TO CONVEY INFORMATION ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ON POLLUTION PREVENTION AND POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK. THIS IS A BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER FOCUSING ON RECYCLING, WATER CONSERVATION, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND POLLUTION PREVENTION. IT ALSO PRESENTS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, THE AVAILABILITY OF FREE RESOURCES, RECENT PROJECTS AND SURVEYS, AND A CALENDAR OF RELATED EVENTS.

**ACTIVITY #5** 

ACTIVITY: PRESS RELEASE SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE AND

**SURROUNDING CITIES** 

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: PRESS RELEASE FOR COUNTYWIDE NEWSPAPERS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.

ACTIVITY #6

ACTIVITY: STREET BANNER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: RESIDENTS AND PERSONS FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITIES

DOING BUSINESS IN MILLBRAE.

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: A STREET BANNER WAS SET UP ACROSS THE BUSIEST STREET TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. THE BANNER STATED "DISCOVER, PROTECT AND CONSERVE". THE PURPOSE WAS TO BRING MORE ATTENTION TO THE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE CITY FOR PARTICIPATING IN POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK.

ACTIVITY #7

ACTIVITY: P2 POSTER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001 TARGET AUDIENCE: BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE PASSING THE

**BUSINESSES IN MILLBRAE** 

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: TO BRING AWARENESS THAT SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001 IS POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK. THE NATIONAL POSTER WAS DISPLAYED IN THE WINDOWS OF VARIOUS BUSINESSES AND EACH BUSINESS WAS ALSO PRESENTED INFORMATION ON POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK.

**ACTIVITY #8** 

ACTIVITY: PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION VIDEOS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE WHO WATCH THE PUBLIC ACCESS

CHANNEL

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: TO PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION VIDEOS FOR THE CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE TO TIE INTO POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK. EACH VIDEO WAS PRESENTED TWICE EACH DAY FOR THREE DAYS DURING POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK AFTER PROGRAMS THAT WOULD HAVE A LARGE AUDIENCE. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE ALSO AIRED AND INCLUDED INFORMATION ON HOW TO PREVENT POLLUTION.

ACTIVITY #9

ACTIVITY: P2 BOOTH AT STARBUCKS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: PERSONS WALKING BY THE BUSIEST BUSINESS

**ACTIVITY DURING THE DAY** 

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: A BOOTH WAS SET UP AND STAFFED FOR THREE HOURS DURING THE BUSIEST TIME OF DAY OUTSIDE OF A LOCAL *STARBUCKS* COFFEE ESTABLISHMENT. INFORMATION AND BROCHURES WERE GIVEN OUT

AND PEOPLE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT POLLUTION PREVENTION OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES. A SPECIAL VISIT WAS MADE BY *AQUA THE WATER WITCH*, A CITY EMPLOYEE, WHO HANDS OUT WATER CONSERVATION INFORMATION.

ACTIVITY #10

ACTIVITY: UTILITY BILL BOOK MARK
DATE: SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: BOOKMARKS WERE INSERTED INTO UTILITY BILLS DISTRIBUTED TO THE CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE. THIS BROUGHT ATTENTION TO POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE.

ACTIVITY #11

ACTIVITY: BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE WANTING TO LEARN MORE

ABOUT BACKYARD COMPOSTING

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: A FREE BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS WAS PRESENTED FOR THE CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE AND SURROUNDING CITIES WANTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BACKYARD COMPOSTING. DEMONSTRATIONS ON COMPOSTING TECHNIQUES WERE GEARED TOWARD WASTE REDUCTION AND USE OF COMPOST.

**ACTIVITY #12** 

ACTIVITY: ADVERTISEMENTS ABOUT P2 WEEK

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: MILLBRAE RESIDENTS LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: TWO ADVERTISEMENTS WERE PLACED IN THE LEISURE ACTIVITIES GUIDE DISTRIBUTED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO RESIDENTS ON CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS. ONE ADVERTISEMENT WAS ON POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK AND GAVE IDEAS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREVENTING POLLUTION IN THE HOME. THE OTHER AD ADVERTISED THE COUNTY'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

ACTIVITY #13

ACTIVITY: POLLUTION PREVENTION ARTICLE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2000

TARGET AUDIENCE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS

**MEMBERS** 

LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: AN ARTICLE WAS PLACED IN THE CHAMBER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND INCLUDED TIPS FOR PREVENTING POLLUTION, AND ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED DURING POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK BY THE CITY.

**ACTIVITY #15** 

ACTIVITY: LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER

WINDOW DISPLAYS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: WINDOW DISPLAYS EXHIBITING INFORMATION ON WATER CONSERVATION, ENERGY, RECYCLING AND POLLUTION PREVENTION.

**ACTIVITY #16** 

ACTIVITY: ART AND WINE FESTIVAL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

TARGET AUDIENCE: FESTIVAL ATTENDEES LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: POLLUTION PREVENTION INFORMATION WAS DISPLAYED AND HANDED OUT AT THE FESTIVAL.

ACTIVITY #17

ACTIVITY: CITY EMPLOYEE P2 AWARENESS

**PROGRAM** 

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2001 TARGET AUDIENCE: CITY EMPLOYEES LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: AN ONGOING PROGRAM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES WAS INITIATED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL POSTERS THROUGH EMAIL TO BRING AWARENESS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE POLLUTION. THESE POSTERS DEALT WITH DIOXIN AND DIAZINON. THE POSTERS WERE ALSO DISPLAYED AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICES FOR PUBIC EDUCATION.

ACTIVITY #18

ACTIVITY: CITY OF MILLBRAE OPEN HOUSE

**DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2001** 

TARGET AUDIENCE: CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE LOCATION: CITY OF MILLBRAE

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: TABLES WERE SET UP AND STAFFED FOR FOUR HOURS DURING OPEN HOUSE OUTSIDE MILLBRAE CITY HALL. WATER CONSERVATION, RECYCLING, POLLUTION PREVENTION, AND PRETREATMENT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. PEOPLE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT POLLUTION PREVENTION OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES AND WERE ABLE TO MEET THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF EACH PREVENTION PROGRAM.

## MT. VIEW SANITATION DISTRICT POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITY

**Title of Activity:** Promotional P2 Billboard off Interstate Highway

**Date(s):** September 10 through October 10, 2001

**Activity:** National Pollution Prevention Week (NP2W) Billboard

**Location:** In Martinez, California – just south of the

Martinez-Benicia Bridge on the west side of the Interstate 680,

southbound.

**Description:** NP2W Billboard advertised and highlighted Mt. View Sanitary District's Pollution Prevention and Mercury Reduction Programs. Billboard used NP2W Turtle that was designed by Karla E. Lund of the East Bay Municipal Utility

District (EBMUD) in Oakland, California.

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District Manager

Mt. View Sanitary District

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Martinez, California 94553

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#### CITY OF NOVATO POLLUTION PREVENTION SUCCESSES

## **Activity #1: Proclamation**:

The City Board proclaimed September 17-23, 2001 "Pollution Prevention Week" and issued a resolution.

## **Activity #2: Posters**:

Over 100 National Pollution Prevention Week posters were distributed community wide. The four Novato elementary schools received five each to post at their campuses. Novato Library and College of Marin libraries also posted them. The Chamber of Commerce delighted in the design and distributed posters at their Thursday meeting at the Wild Fox Restaurant. The Margaret Todd Senior Center also posted several within their building. City of Novato, the Parks and Rec Center, and Miwok Park also posted them. Posters were also distributed to our permitted industries and businesses.

## **Activity #3: Recycling**

The display table in our lobby displayed actual products under signs which read "These products should always be recycled at the Recycling Center" and "These products should never be disposed of to a toilet or a sink The table also had plenty of pamphlets and brochures of interest.

## **Activity #4**: Outreach

Table at Novato's Farmer's Market to display products that can be recycled and a display of products never to be disposed to sink or toilet.

Date: September 18, 2001

Target Audience: General public

**Location**: Farmer's Market on Tuesday evening and in the front lobby of

Novato Sanitary District's Administration Building.

**Sponsors/Partners**: Novato Disposal Service

SEED (School Environmental Education Docents)

**Description of Activity**: Educational display with many brochures regarding recycling and proper disposal of hazardous materials.

**Exceptional Merits**: Public exposure for Novato Sanitary District's program

and working with the Farmer's Market. Market Manager

requested additional brochures to display at Novato's

Farmer Market several weeks

later.

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## COUNTY OF ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

**Date of Activity**: September 20, 2001 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

Overview: Pollution Prevention Outreach event was held in front of the County Hall of Administration in downtown Santa Ana (Orange County). Our Used Oil Recycling Program had an educational booth along with 10 other environmental organizations. We provided information of how used oil and filters can be recycled for free, andprovided locations. We also conducted quiz oriented games for premiums, and distributed oil change containers.

Attendance was approximately 300 people, and about 231 people stopped at our booth. Pastries and juice were handed out by smiling faced people on this overcast morning.

It took a lot of time and effort to prepare for this event, but the positive turn out made all of the work worth doing.

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## City of Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant Pollution Prevention Activities

## A. Program Summary

## **Agency Summary**

The City of Palo Alto operates the Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP), a wastewater treatment plant that treats domestic and industrial waste for East Palo Alto Sanitary District, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Stanford University. Approximately 226,000 people live in the RWQCP service area. Of the 27 million gallons a day of wastewater processed at the RWQCP, about 60 percent of flow comes from residences, 10 percent from industries and 30 percent from commercial businesses and institutions.

The City also manages the storm drain system within Palo Alto city limits. Since 1990, the RWQCP has implemented an aggressive water pollution prevention program addressing both wastewater and stormwater discharges to San Francisco Bay. The pollution prevention programs involve municipal, commercial and industrial, and residential sources.

### **Summary of the Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**

San Francisco Bay is considered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to be impaired by several key pollutants. Mercury is one of those pollutants and as such, must be reduced within the watershed.

The RWQCP releases mercury to the environment through our treated effluent, ash from sludge incineration, and incinerator ash emissions. Because a wastewater treatment plant is a conveyor of waste from other sources and is not designed to remove metals from the environment, we have to rely on mercury reductions within the community to reduce our mercury transference to the environment.

The mercury pollution prevention program focuses on the reduction of mercury to the Bay by developing incentive programs for residences and businesses and by creating methods to encourage pollution prevention through public outreach. The RWQCP's mercury pollution prevention program has six facets, each of which are summarized below:

- 1. Municipal
- 2. Dental Offices
- 3. Hospitals
- 4. Commercial and Industrial
- 5. Residential
- 6. Legislation

## 1. Muncipal

In July 2000, Palo Alto's City Council adopted a Mercury and Dioxin Elimination Policy:

It is a goal of the City of Palo Alto to eliminate the creation of dioxin and its subsequent release to the environment and to eliminate the use of mercury and its subsequent release to the environment. To achieve this goal, the City will evaluate pollution prevention opportunities to eliminate mercury and dioxin sources from municipal, commercial, industrial and residential activities. Scheduling of specific actions will focus on the most cost-effective and preventable sources first.

The mercury elimination strategy will focus on products that contain mercury as an intentional ingredient; laboratory, medical, and manufacturing processes that use mercury; and the combustion of mercury-containing fuels or wastes. The dioxin elimination strategy will focus on products that contain dioxin, manufacturing processes that create dioxin as a by-product, and combustion of fuels or wastes that contain dioxin precursors.

It is recognized that it may not be possible to totally eliminate mercury and dioxin releases due to technological or economic factors. However, significant progress can be achieved by working toward elimination through regulatory and voluntary pollution prevention programs.

#### 1. DENTAL OFFICES

Beginning in January of 2000, the RWQCP teamed with South Bayside System Authority (SBSA) in Redwood City and the Mid-Peninsula Dental Society (MPDS) to educate dentists about their role in preventing mercury contamination of fish in San Francisco Bay.

MPDS has agreed to be the primary conduit for these pollution prevention messages, using their newsletters and meetings as forums to discuss the subject of mercury amalgam in wastewater. Concurrent to this educational focus, the leaders of the Society are meeting with the RWQCP and SBSA to discuss pretreatment methods to improve removal of amalgam from wastewater.

Since the program began, the group has prepared training materials, conducted training seminars, and defined simple procedures dentists can use to keep mercury from fillings out of the sink (one of the campaign logos is shown at right).

Furthermore, the group has built a foundation upon which to work towards additional solutions to this part of the environmental mercury puzzle.

A laminated fact sheet was mailed to mid-peninsula dental offices, and wastewater treatment staff members are speaking at local dental conferences and at Foothill College classes for hygienist and dental assistant students.

In 2001, the RWQCP focused on leading a regional effort through the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG). The BAPPG is a collaboration amongst 36 Bay Area wastewater treatment plants. In 2001, their Dental Amalgam Subcommittee, led by Palo Alto, developed an inspection checklist for wastewater inspectors and created a set of PowerPoint presentations for wastewater pretreatment staff to use to speak with their local dental societies.

#### 2. HOSPITALS

Mercury sources within hospitals include mercury-containing reagents used in labs, such as tissues fixatives, and mercury-containing equipment, such as thermometers and blood pressure cuffs. RWQCP outreach to hospitals began in 1995 when RWQCP published a folder and packet of customized "best management practices" (BMPs) for each type of audience in the medical community. The packet includes guidance on proper management of mercury-containing reagents, a description of a mercury spill prevention and clean-up plan, and recommendations for the elimination of mercury-containing equipment. In 1995 and 1997, the RWQCP distributed more than 1,000 copies of these materials.

In September of 2001 we initiated a series of meetings with local hospital administrators to review opportunities to reduce and eliminate mercury uses and releases. To assist hospitals in meeting the new industrial discharge standards (see "Industrial"), the RWQCP is providing the following:

- ◆ A baseline survey for hospital staff to qualitatively determine their uses of mercury
- ◆ Copies of handouts from the Fall 2001 Hospital Pollution Prevention Workshop in San Francisco
- ◆ Mercury audits planned for 2002, the first of which we have arranged for technical support from California's Department of Health Services (DHS)

#### 3. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Typical uses of mercury in commercial and industrial facilities are in fluorescent lamps, thermostats, thermometers, and switches. In addition, some laboratories use reagents and equipment similar to medical facilities. During semiannual

compliance inspections of all permitted industrial facilities, inspectors search for mercury containing devices and reagents.

Following our initiation of the mercury and dioxin elimination policy for the City, we contacted industrial facilities asking them to adopt mercury phase-out policies, and we held meetings with industrial groups to explain the need for such policies and to solicit their support for the City's policy.

In 2001, the RWQCP analyzed the mass of mercury entering the Plant from industrial sources and concluded that the industrial waste mercury discharge limit should be decreased from 0.05 mg/L to 0.005 mg/L. Currently, the City is meeting with industrial representatives to explain the proposed change. The new limit is expected to go into effect in early 2002.

Since January 1998, less than 1 percent of industrial mercury samples would have exceeded the proposed limit and no industrial facility in the RWQCP's service area regularly exceeds the proposed limit. The new limit will help ensure that industrial mercury loading does not increase.

#### 4. RESIDENTIAL

In 1998, the RWQCP initiated the first of its kind "Money for Mercury" drop-off program for mercury fever thermometers. Residents were offered up to \$5.00 worth of coupons for bringing old mercury thermometers to the RWQCP. The coupons could be used to purchase new non-mercury thermometers or other products at participating 'Clean Bay Businesses.' Literature was available at pharmacies and other Clean Bay Businesses in order to describe the problem of high mercury levels in fish tissue in San Francisco Bay and encouraged residents to participate in the program. Utility bill stuffers, newspaper ads and articles have all been used to get the word out about the program.

In 1999 the "money for mercury" concept was expanded to thermostats.

- Hardware stores were recruited into the Clean Bay Business program to distribute literature about non-mercury thermostats and accept the coupons.
- Heating contractors were mailed information and the collection program was expanded so that small businesses (generating less than 100 kg/month of hazardous waste) could participate.
- Contractors were encouraged to change out mercury thermostats and either bring them in or have the homeowner bring them in.

In October 2000, the RWQCP initiated a pilot fluorescent light recycling program at local hardware stores (sample collection barrel shown at right). The program was designed to be a practical and efficient way for residents to recycle fluorescent tubes. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has concluded that the disposal of fluorescent lamps is a large controllable source of mercury air emissions. According to the Regional Board, Bay Area residents and businesses discard approximately 13 million fluorescent lamps to landfills annually. Furthermore, local hardware store owners told us that their customers frequently bring in expired fluorescent lamps when seeking a replacement bulb to ensure they purchase the correct size. After the purchase, customers often request that the store dispose of the expired lamps.

The RWQCP initiated a recycling program for these bulbs in conjunction with five local hardware stores and a local fluorescent lamp recycler. Residents simply drop off expired T-8, T-12, tube, compact or U-shaped tubes which are stored in barrels provided by the recycler. These barrels are scheduled for automatic collection every three months. This service is paid for by the RWQCP, which also provides the stores with public information materials relaying information about recycling options for other mercury-containing appliances.

The program began in October 2000 at a single store, Palo Alto Hardware. In the first six months of the program, approximately 300 lamps were collected and recycled at a cost of \$100 (at seven cents per foot). In July 2001, four stores joined the program – Peninsula Hardware, Los Altos Hardware, Rancho Hardware, Blossom True Value Hardware. As of October 2001, 730 additional lamps were collected from the five stores as well as from the RWQCP drop off site.

During the program start-up, active promotion of this program was not pursued to avoid overwhelming the hardware stores. In November 2001, a flyer was inserted with all Palo Alto utility bills to announce the program, and the City's Recycling Program ran a story about the service in their newsletter which is distributed through a local weekly newspaper.

Initial program challenges included finding sufficient space at hardware stores to store collection barrels and streamlining collection schedules so that lamps at multiple sites can be collected on the same day. Stores that did not have sufficient space to store barrels were provided with a mail-in light option, where fluorescent bulbs can be returned via UPS service at no cost to the store owner.

## 5. LEGISLATION

In October 2000, Palo Alto approached State Senator Byron Sher, asking him to sponsor legislation to ban certain mercury-containing consumer products. Senator

Sher agreed, and the legislation became known as SB 633, the California Mercury Reduction Act of 2001.

Palo Alto staff drafted the provisions of the bill and worked closely with Senator Sher's staff to address specific lobbyist concerns and modify the legislation to obtain agreement between environmental groups and industrial lobbyists. In October 2001, one year after the original proposal to the Senators' office, the bill was passed by both state houses and signed by Governor Davis.

The legislation includes the following provisions:

- ◆ As of July 1, 2002, bans the sale or distribution of mercury fever thermometers in California.
- ♦ As of January 1, 2003, bans the sale or distribution of mercury-containing novelty items in California, such as mercury-containing games, toys, or jewelry.
- ◆ Strictly limits future purchases of mercury chemicals in primary and secondary classrooms.
- ◆ Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to provide technical assistance to auto dismantlers to enhance the removal and recovery of mercury containing light switches prior to the disposal or recycling of the vehicle.
- ◆ Requires the DTSC to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2004 on the success of programs to remove mercury-containing auto and appliance switches prior to disposal.
- ♦ Bans the sale of vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 2005 that contain mercury-containing motor vehicle light switches.

#### B. Criteria

## 1. Leadership

The mercury pollution prevention program is one of many programs through which the RWQCP has demonstrated excellent leadership and guidance. Our peers in the wastewater and stormwater field consider the City of Palo Alto as one of the national leaders in water pollution prevention. Our technical documents are frequently referenced and we are often contacted by other agencies as they seek advice for their pollution prevention efforts.

With the mercury pollution prevention program, the City leads the Bay Area and performs beyond permit requirements. Currently, the level of mercury in the RWQCP discharge is significantly less than the permitted amount. However, we believe that pollution prevention is the most cost effective and environmentally beneficial method of reducing metals discharge to the Bay.

Some of the leadership roles specific to the mercury pollution prevention program include:

- ◆ Palo Alto's dental outreach program is unique throughout the country in that we asked the dentists to help craft the materials and messages that would best reach their peers, rather than imposing a program upon them. Our materials are now being used by other wastewater agencies.
- ◆ The "money for mercury" campaign was the first program of its kind in the country.
- ◆ The fluorescent lamp recycling at local hardware stores was the first of its kind in the country.
- Palo Alto led the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group in an effort to create an inspection checklist for dental offices and a set of PowerPoint presentations.
- ◆ As the originators of SB 633, Palo Alto led negotiations between environmentalists, auto dismantlers and auto manufacturer lobbyists to finalize portions of the legislation. Many hours were spent tracking the legislation, negotiating with other lobbyists, sending letters of support to key Senate and Assembly committee members, and attending committee meetings.
- Palo Alto sought letters of support for SB 633 from a wide variety of agencies and lobbyists to show legislators that the bill had a broad base of support.
- The City is working with local hospitals to promote the "virtual elimination" of mercury by replacing items that contain mercury with non-mercury alternatives. We are supplying hospital staff with the technical resources they need to quantify the issue at their facilities.

## 2. Significant Environmental benefits

Mercury is considered one of the primary contaminants of concern in San Francisco Bay, with multiple anthropogenic sources. There are many environmental benefits associated with Palo Alto's mercury pollution prevention program. While some benefits can be quantified, such as the mass of mercury collected in the "money for mercury" program, other benefits are more qualitative in nature.

- ◆ Since the inauguration of the "Money for Mercury" drop-off program, the RWQCP has collected more than 1,640 thermometers.
- ◆ The "Money for Mercury" program provided the unexpected benefit that many other mercury-containing devices (barometers, switches, and containers of metallic mercury) were recycled in the process, amounting to more than 45

- pounds of mercury. (This figure can be compared to the RWQCP influent loading of 15 to 20 lb/yr and an effluent loading of less than 1 lb/yr.)
- ◆ By encouraging Small Quantity Generators to bring waste mercury to RWQCP, we are eliminating the environmental release of these materials at a landfill. (The photograph at right is a box of mercury switches from car alarms that a small business brought to the RWQCP for proper disposal.)
- ♦ By increasing the recycling of mercury rather than disposal as hazardous waste, we are providing a closed loop for mercury.
- ◆ The SB 633 legislation will significantly reduce the amount of mercury-containing consumer products that will be sold in the future and thus reduce the opportunity for mercury release to the environment during use, transport or disposal of such products.
- ♦ Educating dentists regarding the proper disposal of amalgam waste and the health effects associated with mercury will lead to improved management of mercury in dental offices. We have initiated an annual survey for dentists, in which we ask about their disposal practices, and intend to use the results in the future to seek trend information.
- By providing technical assistance to local hospitals, we are ensuring that they are taking action to reduce mercury sources at their facilities.
- ♦ By reducing the amount of mercury entering into the environment, we will decrease the possible exposure pathways for future generations.
- ♦ The increasing awareness by the public and industry regarding the risk associated with mercury will increase the likelihood of proper disposal, and handling of mercury.

## 3. Potential model for business community

The RWQCP regularly distributes program information to other entities in the hopes that similar programs will be implemented throughout the Bay Area. Regional program implementation increases our program's effectiveness at little cost.

Because the mercury pollution prevention program includes residential, municipal, and industrial/commercial components, it can be used as a model for a variety of agencies and community groups.

◆ Siting fluorescent lamp recycling at hardware stores provides a practical solution to residential lamp disposal and as such is a model for other

- communities. Allen County, Indiana recently developed a similar fluorescent light recycling program with two stores in their jurisdiction.
- ♦ Our dental program is currently being used as a model. San Francisco, Vacaville, and other municipalities and wastewater agencies are using the fact sheets and technical reports created by Palo Alto to facilitate discussions with their local dentists.
- ♦ We were the first wastewater agency to initiate a thermometer "amnesty" program and to actively collect mercury containing consumer products. Many other agencies and groups have now used the thermometer exchange idea including; Vermont; City of Lewiston, Maine; Boston, Mass.; Hennepin County, Minnesota; Anoka County, Minnesota; Union Sanitary District, California; Broward County, Florida; Melbourne, Florida; Solano County, CA; and King County, Washington.
- ◆ Two other agencies, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District and Superior Waste Water Treatment Facility have copied the "money for mercury" campaign.
- ◆ The RWQCP has begun meeting with local hospitals and industrial facilities, asking them to follow our lead by adopting mercury elimination policies. In November 2001, Stanford Hospital signed a mercury elimination pledge developed by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment.
- ◆ Because all of our fact sheets and reports are available to the public through our website, anyone can use our programs as a model. (For information about all our Pollution Prevention Programs, go to http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/cleanbay.)

## 4. Demonstrated program commitment

The City of Palo Alto is committed to reducing the pollutant discharges from residents, industry, and businesses into the local watershed – whether from stormwater or wastewater sources. The entire 12-person Environmental Compliance Division is dedicated to this purpose. In particular, the Division's primary concerns are discharges of metals (including mercury), dioxin, and pesticides. Each year, the Division creates a document called the "Clean Bay Plan" that outlines its pollution prevention plan. Mercury pollution prevention is called out as a major topic of this plan. The current year's plan is available at our web site.

Palo Alto demonstrates organizational support and upper management commitment to mercury pollution prevention in numerous ways:

- ◆ The City Council unanimously passed the mercury and dioxin elimination policy and periodically requests program updates.
- ◆ The city-wide mercury elimination policy has provided the foundation for interdepartmental collaborations on mercury and dioxin reduction opportunities, such as institutionalizing changes in City purchasing policies. For instance, we are working to create new purchasing specifications to require that fluorescent lamps be low-mercury.
- ◆ The city-wide policy also facilitated improved collection and recycling of fluorescent bulbs within City departments.
- ◆ The City has continued the "money for mercury" campaign for four years and has no predetermined end date.
- ♦ The new, more stringent mercury limit for industrial dischargers will allow the RWQCP to take enforcement action in response to unusually high mercury concentrations from industry. The limit will also motivate industry to ensure that any processes using mercury reagents or mercury-containing equipment are properly managed, and to find non-mercury alternatives whenever possible.
- ◆ The City's stormwater outreach programs in local schools now includes a new mercury educational program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to augment the California gold rush curriculum.
- Next steps for the residential lamp recycling program include promoting the current program, reviewing regional opportunities to expand the program to chain stores, and assisting the local stores with procurement of low mercury lamps.

#### 5. Collaborative Effort

In all our programs, RWQCP staff participates in a wide variety of groups to ensure full coordination of our program with regional water quality protection efforts. Many of our activities involve cooperation with other entities, such as other wastewater treatment plants, the county non-point source pollution prevention program, area cities, environmental groups, and other environmental programs within our own city. With these collaborations, Palo Alto is able to leverage resources and facilitate regional agreement about watershed goals and messages.

The RWQCP regularly participated in the following groups to help promote the mercury reduction pollution prevention program:

◆ San Francisco Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG)

- ◆ San Francisco Bay Mercury TMDL Workgroup (formerly known as the Mercury Council)
- ♦ Bay Area Hazardous Waste Reduction Committee (BAHWRC)

The RWQCP works directly with businesses, environmental groups, and the State Legislature to enhance mercury pollution prevention projects:

- ♦ The City collaborated with environmental groups, auto dismantlers, education lobbyists, medical lobbyists, and state legislators to pass SB 633, the California Mercury Reduction Act of 2001.
- ◆ The RWQCP staff is delighted with the level of concern and support shown by the MPDS representatives. The group meets regularly to create effective tools for educating dentists and their support staff.
- ♦ MPDS initiated the idea of speaking to dental assistant students at Foothill College. The instructor greatly appreciated the guest lecture and handouts, and has asked that this program become an annual addition to their curriculum.
- ♦ The California Dental Association (CDA) was so impressed by Palo Alto's collaborative approach with our local dental society, that CDA invited Palo Alto to Sacramento to speak to 200 state-wide dentists on the emerging issue of mercury in dental wastewater.
- ♦ DHS has promised to provide direct technical support for the initial hospital mercury audits in 2002 which will improve our ability to effectively audit these sites in the future.
- ◆ Palo Alto staff met with City of Los Angeles staff and obtained their financial support for the BAPPG dental project. The additional funding provided the resources for refinements on the inspection form and PowerPoint presentations.

# PG\$E's National Pollution Prevention Week 2001 Activities at Diablo Canyon Power Plant Summary

**Date:** September 15 - 21, 2001

**Activities:** Beach Cleanup Team; Storm Drain Stenciling Project; P2 Information Booth; Recycling Box Promotion; Green Lamp Program Kickoff; P2 Vehicle Display

**Target Audience:** All plant employees and contractors (~1400 people)

**Location:** Local beaches (9/15); plant site (9/17-9/21)

**Sponsors/Partners:** PG&E; local electric car & bicycle marketing companies and automobile dealers

**Description of Activities:** The plant environmental compliance staff presented a weeklong pollution prevention information campaign that included the following:

- The week was kicked off by a team of 18 volunteer employees and family members who, in coordination with Coastal Cleanup Day, performed a cleanup of two Port San Luis beaches. The team celebrated afterward with a hot dog BBQ.
- Pollution prevention ideas and information were provided plant wide on a new P2 website. News stories announcing the website and the planned P2 event were published in the plant newsletter. Announcements were also displayed on posters, closed-circuit television, and the access road billboard. The website will remain as a permanent resource to the plant.
- Storm drains around the plant were painted with a dolphin logo and "Flows to the Ocean" stencil. Even though all discharge activities are tightly controlled and high awareness is maintained through training, the freshly painted messages will add to the protection level.
- A "Green Lamp" program was begun to phase-in replacement of standard fluorescent lamps with non-hazardous, low-mercury fluorescent lamps. This measure will combine source reduction with real cost savings.

- The week was concluded with a P2 celebration in the parking lot. The plant's environmental compliance staff manned an information booth that displayed P2 ideas, products and practices already implemented in our workplace (see attachment) as well as ideas for use at home and on the road.
- Participants were provided with desk-side recycling boxes and hand-scooped ice cream cones. For our P2 Vehicle Display we had three all-electric vehicles, three hybrid electric vehicles, and two electric bicycles. This display was sponsored by electric vehicle marketing firms and local automobile dealerships. Participants were provided an opportunity to get engineering details and price information, sit behind the wheel and take a few test-drives.

We believe this event had the combined positive effects of enhancing awareness of existing pollution prevention methods, encouraging the exploration of new opportunities, and reminding plant employees of the available on-site resources (staff, web guidance pages, etc.) to further support environmental regulatory compliance.

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**Supervisor, Environmental Operations** 

## **Diablo Canyon Power Plant**

Pollution Prevention Week September 17-23, 2001

"DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT SUPPORTS NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK AS PART OF OUR OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. POLLUTION PREVENTION IS RECOGNIZED AS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVING ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS SINCE IT SERVES TO ELIMINATE POLLUTION AT THE SOURCE BEFORE IT IS GENERATED."

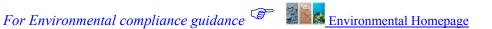
Join us in the parking lot on Friday, September 21, for the Pollution Prevention (P2) Awareness Booth and Alternative Vehicle Display!



**Check it out here**

THE GOAL OF POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE BENEFITS OF P2 AMONG BOTH THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES. IN CALIFORNIA, P2 WEEK IS COORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL.

- P2 and You at Diablo Canyon
- P2 on the Road
- P2 in the Home
- P2 in the Garden



#### **Examples of ways we already prevent pollution at Diablo Canyon:**

We use "EP Α 200 0" as a degr eas er inst ead of ozo ne depl etin g prod ucts (chl orofluor ocar bon s). Tha nks Mai nten anc e!

We accomplished a reduction in volatile organic carbons from 10 tons per year to 1 ton per year. Thanks Paint Department!

We replaced our lab processes that used mercury with ones that don't need it. Thanks Chemistry!

We have saved energy through conservation at the plant this summer. We use Simple Green and GOSH instead of high-flammability parts cleaners. Thanks Janitorial and Maintenance! We stopped using products with Methylene Chloride throughout the plant, and began using more environmentally friendly products that were already on our shelves. Thanks all departments!

We recycle paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, oils, fluorescent lamps (mercury), oils, and batteries. Thanks General Services and recyclers! We carpool and Rideshare. Thanks all participants!

We don't litter on the access road! (or anywhere for that matter)

Looks like there are a few exceptions (photo of someone picking up litter on road)

Keep up the good work!



Last Updated 8/14/0

### **Diablo Canyon Power Plant**

Stop by for ice cream at the

P2 Awareness Booth and



Friday, September 21, 11 am to 1 pm, in the parking lot.

Come check out these P2 technologies:



**GEMCAR Electric Car** 



Honda Insight Hybrid Electric Car



eBike Electric Bicycle



**Toyota Prius Hybrid Electric Car** 



Honda Accord SULEV (Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle)

The first car ever sold that meets the state's Super-Ultra-Low-Emission Vehicle (SULEV) standard. The SULEV requirements are the most stringent in the world and part of the California LEV-II exhaust emissions standard that goes into effect beginning with the 2004 model year. CARB says a SULEV engine emits only 2.3 pounds of ozone-forming hydrocarbons during 100,000 miles of driving, about the same as spilling a quart of gasoline, and an 86 percent reduction compared to a LEV-rated vehicle.



**Sparrow Electric Car** 

For plant **compliance** guidance on paint emissions control, hazmat storage, discharging water, and more, explore the

Environmental Homepage



Community Outreach: Coastal Cleanup Day

Join us in representing Diablo Canyon on

### Saturday, September 15

9 am to Noon

- Volunteer to help clean up Port San Luis Beaches (kayakers welcome)
- Free PG&E T-shirts (courtesy Corporate Environmental Affairs)
- Free Barbeque lunch and raffle (courtesy SLO County & DCPP)

Contact Drew Squyres at x4439, or email at das7

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### SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTY POLLUTION PREVENTION COMMITTEE'S "POLLUTION SOLUTION" FAIR

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health sponsored a "Pollution Solution Fair" on Saturday, September 22, 2001 at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. This event was aimed at providing information to residents on how minor changes to daily activities can help improve environmental quality. Local and State agencies as well as environmentally oriented non-profit groups were present to educate the public on topics such as Integrated Pest Management in the home garden, use of alternative & less-toxic cleaning products, prevention of storm water pollution, clean fuel vehicles, recycling and composting, and much more.

In addition, fair visitors were encouraged to enjoy the beautiful Water Conservation Garden, which was established in an effort to educate the public on landscaping designs that minimize water usage, prevent run-off, and encourage healthy plant growth without the use of chemical pesticides.

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Helix Water District	Lynn Young	619-667-6270
	Kate Breece	
San Diego Master	Al Myrick	619-286-0561
Gardeners	-	
San Diego Master	Tami- Solano	760-436-7986
Composters	Recyclers	
I Love A Clean Diego	Carissa Kuempee	858-467-0103 x 3012
CIWMB	Jill Jones	916-341-6296
San Diego APCD	Marsha Ventittelli	858-650-4703
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San Diego Co DEH-General	KariLyn Merlos*	858-495-5799
San Diego Co Stormwater	Marsha Cook	619-338-2078
San Diego Co Water Authority	Vicky Driver	
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<sup>\*</sup>Fair Organizer/Coordinator

### September 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please Join the County of San Diego,
Department of Environmental Health

At the

## **Pollution Solution Fair**

- WHERE: Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon
- ~ WHEN: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00am 2:00pm
- ~ WHO: Everyone who wants to learn how to prevent pollution and beautify San Diego!
- Proactive Information Interactive Displays Free Family Fun

  Kids' Activities Giveaways

For More Information, Contact KariLyn Merlos at 858-495-5799

### RESIDENTS CAN FIGHT POLLUTION AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD "Pollution Solution Fair" Aims To Improve Environment Through Education

Teaching San Diego County residents how to reduce the pollution they create in their homes, gardens and elsewhere will be the focus of a "Pollution Solution Fair" sponsored by the County Department of Environmental Health.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, in El Cajon. The fair will be held during National Pollution Prevention Week, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup>.

The fair will feature informational booths and interactive displays focused on reducing the amount of pollution created in homes and businesses. Local and State agencies, along with nonprofit and environmental groups, will be on hand to teach residents how little changes can add up to a cleaner environment.

"For the public, practicing pollution prevention in the home, in the garden and on the road through activities such as using alternative cleaning methods, purchasing an electric mower and carpooling to work can help improve the quality of the local environment," said Gary Erbeck, Director of the Department of Environmental Health.

Residents can also use their buying power to send a powerful message and exercise their preference for environmentally sound products, "as consumers, each of us can voice our environmental concern at the cash register. We can buy products made from recycled materials. We can select non-toxic household cleaners instead of poisons which when disposed of irresponsibly, endanger our health and our environment. We can also patronize businesses that practice pollution prevention, energy efficiency and energy and water conservation," Erbeck said.

Residents are encouraged to come out and enjoy the free family activities, giveaways and beneficial information at the fair, and to do their part to "Create Our Own Reality" – the theme of National Pollution Prevention Week – for San Diego County.

Contact: KariLyn Merlos (858) 495-5799

## CITY OF SANTA MONICA INDUSTRIAL WASTE SECTION POLLUTION PREVENTION 2002 ACTIVITIES

**Activity 1:** Clean Shops- Automotive Repair Workshop

**Date:** February 13, 2001

**Audience:** Local Automotive shops

**Location:** Ken Edwards Center

1527 4<sup>th</sup> St. Santa Monica

**Description:** Automotive shops were educated on various topics such as:

Aqueous parts washing for degreasing and brake cleaning, Anti-freeze recycling technologies, used oil management,

Dry shop spill cleanup methods, Oil/Water separator maintenance and stormwater compliance, Economic and compliance incentives for business. The informative workshop highlighted current stories, local and regional regulations and opportunities for a collaboration with other local automotive repair professionals.

Exceptional Merits:

City Of Santa Monica received extremely positive response and feedback from local automotive shops participants regarding the success of this event. It helped automotive repair businesses learn that by implementing p2 techniques in their activities, they can use their resources more efficiently, decrease regulatory requirements and operational costs, improve workplace health and safety, reduce waste disposal costs and promote environmental quality.

**Activity2:** National Pollution Prevention Week

**Date:** September 17-23

**Location:** City Of Santa Monica satellite offices

The Utilities and City Yards offices

**Description**: P2 week poster and balloons were displayed and p2 fact sheets

with other educational material were displayed at 2 of the City's offices to celebrate and promote the benefits of pollution prevention

for the week of September 17-23.

**Exceptional** 

**Merits:** The event allowed the general public and the City employees to

get information about the National Pollution Prevention Week. They were exposed to simple strategies for implementing P2 in their daily activities. Several of the general public contacted our office asking for assistance identifying additional p2 measures after this very successful event. This event allowed for City employees to attain an understanding of P2 week, as well as identify possible measures they could take to help promote P2.

**Activity 3:** P2 Audits/ Visits

Date: October 3, 2001

Description: Coordinated P2 site audits/ visits with DTSC representatives for

automotive shops that needed assistance to implement pollution prevention techniques and practices. A total of 10 businesses were

reached and successfully trained by the DTSC.

### Exceptional Merits:

This event was aimed at helping the auto repair industry increase

their understanding of pollution prevention and the benefits of implementing it in their operations. The TDSC representatives conducted on site audits of 10 selected shops. The visits included actual demonstrations of practical, cost effective alternatives to reduce the generation of hazardous waste and toxics. The audited shops were provided with information folders and videos containing key information that could allow them to save money and stay in compliance with environmental regulations. A very positive feedback was received from the shops involved in this event. They had the best opportunity to get involved with the DTSC and they will connect with them in the future for valuable P2 information.

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## The City of Saratoga's NATIONAL Pollution Prevention WEEK 2002 ACTIVITIES

The City of Saratoga once again was a leader in promoting National Pollution Prevention Week 2002 from September 17-24. This year, as in the past, the City sponsored and coordinated the following activities:

- -City of Saratoga Pollution Prevention Week Proclamation
- -Local radio Pollution Prevention Public Service Announcements (PSA's)

and

-Local Newspaper Pollution Prevention Advertisements.

For more information on the above events, contact Cary Bloomquist" at <<u>cbloomquist@saratoga.ca.us</u>.

## Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and Partners P2 Activities

- \* APCD Board adopted a resolution, we presented our 12 Board members with P2 Week t-shirts
- \* APCD and Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History held a press conference unveiling our newest P2 partner, R2P2 The Robot Resource for Pollution Prevention. Event resulted in several newspaper articles and two local TV news stories. KEYT-TV even mentioned National Pollution Prevention Week.
- \* Awarded the 8th annual Green Awards to 5 Santa Barbara County businesses. Green Award Consortium made up of APCD, Santa Barbara County Solid Waste & Utilities, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, Traffic Solutions, and the Community Environmental Council
- \* APCD appeared on local call-in talk radio show with Jerry Cornfeld. Talked about P2 Week and the Green Award winners.
- \* Updated <a href="www.greendifference.org">www.greendifference.org</a> and added new partner, City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division
- \* Sent out press release announcing Pollution Prevention Week resulted in a number of newspaper articles
- \* Greendifference.org "coalition" developed radio ads in Spanish which ran on local Spanish radio stations
- \* Greendifference.org "coalition" developed print ads that ran in local papers throughout the county (Santa Barbara News Press, Goleta Valley Voice, Carpinteria Coastal View, Lompoc Record, Santa Barbara Independent)

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# SIMI VALLEY POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES FOR 2000

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- 1. Earthday Event at Moorpark College on April 19, 2000. We manned a Storm Water/Pollution Prevention Booth from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The target was students and local residents. We tested their P2 knowledge with a short quiz, and then we reviewed it with them to confirm their understanding of P2 opportunities and techniques.
- 2. The (VCSQMP) Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program's Pollution Prevention House was displayed and manned at the Ventura County Fair from August 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000. This interactive display house is geared to reach children and residents. It gives various P2 alternatives and proper disposal techniques for materials used around the house. All ten cities in County were involved and the County Solid Waste Division partnered with the VCSQMP.
- 3. The above-mentioned P2 House was displayed in the City of Simi Valley's City Hall from September 6<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. School children visited the P2 House during this time and especially during National P2 Week.
- 4. The City of Simi Valley personnel were intimately involved in the planning and implementation of the Coastal Cleanup Day on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The targets were clubs like the Boy/Girls Scouts and Residents in general. It was another successful cleanup and awareness effort.
- 5. Simi Valley personnel represented the VCSQMP at the (WRPPN) Western Regional Pollution Prevention Conference, in San Diego on October 26, 2000 by giving a storm water/pollution prevention presentation and facilitating the storm water session. Regulatory and P2 oriented agencies were the intended target audience.
- 6. Staff members have throughout the year been heavily involved in the activities of the (TCP2C) Tri County Pollution Prevention Committee, the (C2P2C) Consortium of California Pollution Prevention Committees, the (CWEA) California Water Environmental Association's International Pollution Prevention Subcommittee and the WRPPN's Steering Committee.

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## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY'S AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT POLLUITON PREVENTION ACITIVITY 2001

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release: September 12, 2001

Media Contact: Aeron Arlin Genet -- 781-5998

Five Local Companies Honored for Helping Keep SLO County's Air Clean

San Luis Obispo -- The Air Pollution Control District of San Luis Obispo (APCD), as part of Pollution Prevention Week, is recognizing five local businesses that have taken steps to reduce air pollution before it is generated. Pollution Prevention Week (P2 for short) is being held across the nation from September 17 - 23 to celebrate and promote the benefits of eliminating or reducing pollution at the source. This year's theme for P2 Week is "Create Your Reality."

The APCD Board will hold a special recognition ceremony at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to honor *Davis Boats*, *Laguna Cleaners*, *Ride-On*, *Stanley Motors* and *Heritage Oaks Bank* for their efforts to preserve our natural resources, protect the air we breathe and depict this year's theme of "Create Your Reality." In addition to Board recognition, all five companies will set-up displays outdoors in the SLO County Government Center Plaza to showcase their pollution prevention efforts. This is an excellent opportunity to talk with the local companies, learn more about pollution prevention and thank the 5 companies for making clean air part of their business.

Here is what these companies are doing to help keep San Luis Obispo County's air clean:

**Davis Boats** in Paso Robles: A boat manufacturing company with a green conscience! Davis Boats purchased a spray coating system that reduces the amount of coating used and subsequent air pollution generated. They also use a solvent recycling unit that reduces hazardous waste and solvent use.

*Ride-On* in San Luis Obispo: With a long term commitment to promoting vanpools and other transportation choices, Ride-On works collectively with the communities of the San Luis Obispo County to create transportation and mobility solutions.

*Heritage Oaks Bank* throughout SLO County: Their "Save With Us" energy conservation campaign demonstrates Heritage Oaks Bank's leadership in promoting and practicing energy conservation.

Beginning on July 2<sup>nd</sup> Heritage Oaks Bank launched an outreach campaign to promote energy conservation and closed their lobby doors from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to reduce energy use.

Laguna Cleaners in San Luis Obispo: This local dry cleaner voluntarily purchased a new machine to reduce solvent use and prevent solvents from being released into our air. Now Laguna Cleaners is able provide services with cleaner air emissions while using a fraction of the chemicals typically required.

**Stanley Motors** in San Luis Obispo: This automobile dealer has made a long-term commitment to provide SLO County residents with clean vehicle technologies such as the GEM car (neighborhood electric vehicle) and the E-Bike (electric bicycle).

For more information on how to implement a Pollution Prevention Program at your home or workplace, please contact the APCD at 781-4AIR or visit our website at www.sloapcd.dst.ca.us.

### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HUNTINGTON BEACH POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The Soroptimist International of Huntington Beach used National Pollution Prevention Week brochures and factsheets in a variety of local events during September 17-23, 2002.

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### U.S. Postal Service, Sacramento District P2 2001 ACTIVITIES AWARD

*Title of Activity:* Newsletter Promotion of P2 Week

**Date:** August – September 2001

Activity: Environmental Compliance Newsletter published by the

Environmental Compliance unit of the Sacramento District inserted several articles into the August and September 2001 issues highlighting P2 Week and P2

activities in the Garden, Office and Home. The

newsletter inserts P2 articles in issues throughout the year in order to encourage environmentally friendly

behaviors.

**Target Audience:** All Postmasters and employees in the Sacramento

District, some 400 facility managers and up to 10,000

employees.

**Location**: Sacramento District, including ZIP Code areas 952-953,

956-960. (Stockton, Sacramento, Marysville, Redding)

Sponsors/Partners: District Manager, Manager Vehicle Maintenance,

Manager Maintenance (Sacramento Main Office), Postmaster's throughout the Sacramento District

#### Description of Activity:

- 1) Recycling of brake drum grindings following 2-year discussion with county environmental health explaining benefits and why regulations allow same.
- 2) Recycling of crushed oil filters previously disposed of as hazardous waste.
- 3) Recycling of more than 140 tons per month of undeliverable advertising mail at the Sacramento Main Office by backhauling from other offices. Post offices throughout the district bring this total closer to 200 tons with individual recycling programs.

- 4) Distribution of pencils made from recycled undeliverable mail to school children throughout the district.
- 5) Introduction of ultrasonic technologies for cleaning of cancellation dies and ink pots at large plants.

#### **Exceptional Merits**:

implementation of P2 activities to individuals in the District. These types of outreach have lead to numerous P2, recycling and waste reduction awards for the District in 2000 and 2001. These include the American Lung Association Clean Air Award, Keep California Beautiful awards (both years), Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center P2 award, Sacramento Environmental Commission P2 Award, Partners for a Cleaner Davis award, White House Closing the Circle Award, EPA Greening the Government award, and others.

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#### **CITY OF VENTURA**

#### PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF VENTURA – OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEAM UP FOR A ZERO WASTE EVENT

"Create Your Reality!" That's the message from coordinators of National Pollution Prevention Week, September  $17 - 23^{rd}$ . Across the nation, local governments, state and federal agencies, businesses and others are teaming up to hold events that celebrate and promote the benefits of pollution prevention.

Pollution prevention is recognized as an effective tool for protecting the environment and the economy since it serves to eliminate pollution at the source before it is generated. For industry, utilizing a host of pollution prevention techniques can result in more efficient, less-pollution industrial processes that improve competitiveness and the environment.

There are many events and opportunities right here in Ventura to divert waste that is otherwise destined for landfills: The upcoming Chamber Business Showcase is a prime example. On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2 – 7PM, the environmental services staff from the City of Ventura, working in conjunction with the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Seaside Park and Fanfare Catering, will undertake this largely attended event as a Zero Waste Event. In other words, less than 5% of the waste that over 4,000 attendees and exhibitors will generate will actually make it to the landfill.

Thanks to the support from neighboring Cities whose Chambers of Commerce are also involved in the Business Showcase; numerous waste management professionals will join Ventura's staff and conduct an on-site sorting line. With an estimated 100 exhibitors and several food / beverage booths, waste professionals will collect and sort everything from the luncheon food waste, paper napkins and stir sticks, to assorted beverage containers, packing Styrofoam, paper and cardboard.

"This is going to be an awesome way for people to see just how much of our common household items, often referred to as "trash", can actually be recycled or reused, put into a compost pile or shredded for your worm bin. Visitors will be able to see us collecting, sorting and even 'melting' these collected discards into the form of awards. In turn, we'll be giving these Zero Waste awards to the folks who made the whole event possible. That's what I call closing the loop!" remarks event coordinator Beth Sutherland, Environmental Services Specialist with the City of Ventura.

For more information about Pollution Prevention Week, how to make YOUR event a Zero Waste event, or Commercial Recycling at your place of business, please call the Office of Environmental Services at 652-4525.